



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, September 16, 2004

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

Asian Longhorned Beetle Critical Issues Report:

New Jersey

Carteret-Woodbridge Township

Delimiting surveys with USFS and APHIS climbers continued this week in Carteret, Linden, and Woodbridge to determine the boundaries of the infestation. The main core of the infestation, with trees showing both egg sites and exit holes remains about 1 square mile in size with about 402 infested trees. Survey results this week identified a small number of infested trees with only egg sites about 1/2 mile from the core area. Ground surveys continued this week with survey and mapping of host trees. Ground survey crews consist personnel from IL ALB, NJ FL NY PPQ, NJDA, NJDEP State Forestry, and Federal Grain Inspection Service. The NJ ALB staff and NJDA, responded to several hundred phone calls from residents as a result of our extensive public outreach efforts. No additional infested trees were found through this effort.

Two public meetings are scheduled on September 16, 2004. Carteret is holding their second public meeting at 1:30 pm. Woodbridge Township is holding their first meeting at 7 pm. NJ Agriculture Secretary Kuperus will attend the Woodbridge Township meeting. Speakers will be local officials, NJDA, NJDEP State Forestry, and APHIS PPQ.

The final stages for securing the office lease should be completed within the next few weeks. The target date for occupancy is November 1, 2004. Within the next two weeks a trailer will be set in place to serve as an interim office.

New York

The NY Management Board is meeting on September 14, 2004 to review the status of program activities.

Illinois

An ALB awareness day is scheduled on September 15 for the Park Ridge Forest Preserve employees and volunteers.

Remote Sensing

Remote imagery will be taken over a 440 square mile area encompassing the Carteret-Woodbridge Township NJ infestation, the Jersey City NJ infestation and Staten Island NY. USDA FS and APHIS collaborated and secured 2 commercial companies to deliver the images prior to a September 20th deadline. USFS will also fly the area. The image products to be delivered are analog color infra red, color infra red digital multispectral at 2 feet resolution, and 2.5 meter resolution digital panchromatic and 10 meter resolution digital multispectral.

Public Outreach

The September issue of the ALB Quarterly Update was published.

The program contracted with a media broker to produce, manage and deliver our fall/winter "Don't Move Firewood" Advertisements. The initial meeting with the company was held this week.

Source: Christine Markham

Noxious Weed:

The U.S. Geological Survey has reported giant salvinia in Virginia for the first time. It was found in a small pond in the North Fork Shenandoah drainage, which shares a border with West Virginia. USGS also reported giant salvinia in South Carolina. It has reappeared in the same drainage as several years ago, but this time further south near coastal marshes in Jasper County.

Source: Art Miller

Citrus Canker Quarantine Areas in Florida :

An Interim Rule was published in Volume 69, No. 177 of the Federal Register to amend Citrus Canker quarantine regulations in Florida (7CFR, Part 301). The interim rule became effective September 14, 2004, and



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all comments received on or before November 15, 2004 will be considered.

In this interim rule, 4 separate areas, in portions of Collier (Sunniland N), Hendry (Seminole and Siboney) and Manatee (Bradenton) Counties have been removed from quarantine. Regular and complete surveys of these areas have been conducted approximately every 90 days over a period of at least 2 years since citrus canker was first detected. As a result, these areas have met the requirement for declaration of eradication and removal from the Federal quarantine - that an area be free from citrus canker for a period of two years.

One currently existing quarantined area – a contiguous area in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties – is being expanded to reflect the detection of citrus canker in contiguous areas in the north (Palm Beach County) and in the south (portion of Monroe County including all the Florida Keys).

Additionally, several new areas are being added to the list of quarantine areas as follows: DeSoto County (4 areas); Hendry County (2 areas); Highlands (1 area); Highlands/DeSoto Counties (1 contiguous area); Lee County (2 areas); Manatee County (1 area); Orange County (1 area); Palm Beach County (2 areas); and Sarasota County (1 area).

At present, approximately 1423 square miles in Florida are under quarantine for citrus canker.

Source: Lynn Evans-Goldner, PDMP